

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2692

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANGERT.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.903, RSMo, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1415, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to postsecondary plans of elementary and secondary school students.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 167.903, RSMo, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1606, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, and section 167.910 as enacted by house bill no. 1415, ninety-ninth general assembly, second regular session, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 167.903, 167.907, 167.908, and 167.911, to read as follows:

167.903. 1. **The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a process by which** each student prior to ~~his or her~~ **the student's** ninth grade year at a public school, including a charter school, ~~may~~ **shall** develop with help from the **student's parent or guardian and the** school's guidance counselors ~~a personal~~ **an individual career and academic** plan ~~of study~~, which shall be reviewed ~~regularly, as needed~~ **annually** by school personnel and the student's parent or guardian and updated based upon the needs of the student. Each plan shall present a sequence of courses and experiences that conclude with the student reaching ~~his or her~~ **the student's** postsecondary goals, with implementation of the plan of study transferring to the program of postsecondary education or training upon the student's high school graduation. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 12 (1) Requirements for graduation from the school district or charter school;
13 (2) Career or postsecondary goals;
14 (3) Coursework or program of study related to career and postsecondary goals, which
15 shall include, if relevant, opportunities that the district or school may not directly offer;
16 (4) Grade-appropriate and career-related experiences, as outlined in the grade-level
17 expectations of the Missouri comprehensive guidance program; and
18 (5) Student assessments, interest inventories, or academic results needed to develop,
19 review, and revise the personal plan of study, which shall include, if relevant, assessments,
20 inventories, or academic results that the school district or charter school may not offer.

21 2. Each school district shall adopt a policy to permit the waiver of the requirements of
22 this section for any student with a disability if recommended by the student's IEP committee.
23 For purposes of this subsection, "IEP" means individualized education program.

24 **3. Prior to the completion of the second semester of the student's twelfth-grade**
25 **year, each student shall include, as part of the student's individual career and academic**
26 **plan, a declaration of the student's postsecondary plans including, but not limited to, the**
27 **following:**

- 28 (1) **Confirmation of employment upon graduation;**
29 (2) **Acceptance to an institution of higher education, whether a two-year**
30 **institution or a four-year institution;**
31 (3) **Acceptance to participate in a vocational, technical, or other training**
32 **program designed to prepare the student for employment; or**
33 (4) **Commitment to enlist in the Armed Forces of the United States.**

167.907. 1. No student shall receive a certificate of graduation from any public
2 **school or charter school unless the student has completed and submitted the Free**
3 **Application for Federal Student Aid, as maintained by the United States Department of**
4 **Education.**

5 **2. A student shall be exempt from the requirement to complete or submit the**
6 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid under subsection 1 of this section if such**
7 **student submits to the student's school:**

- 8 (1) **Written confirmation of a commitment to enlist in the Armed Forces of the**
9 **United States; or**
10 (2) **A written document or form, signed by the student's parent or guardian,**
11 **attesting that the student understands what the application is and has chosen not to file**
12 **such application.**

13 **3. After a student makes reasonable efforts to complete the Free Application for**
14 **Federal Student Aid under subsection 1 of this section, the superintendent or**
15 **superintendent's designee shall exempt such student from the requirement to**

16 complete or submit the application if such student is unable to complete the application
17 because of extenuating circumstances.

18 4. This section shall apply beginning July 1, 2023.

167.908. 1. The department of higher education and workforce development
2 shall, by rule, establish a procedure for providing the means and capability for high
3 school students enrolled in career and technical education programs described in section
4 170.029 to complete an application for aid through the Employment and Training
5 Administration of the United States Department of Labor under the federal Workforce
6 Innovation and Opportunity Act. The department shall work with school districts that
7 deliver career and technical education programs to educate students on the value of the
8 aid that is available to students through the federal Workforce Innovation and
9 Opportunity Act.

10 2. To accomplish the purposes of subsection 1 of this section, the department
11 shall ensure that the following percentages of all department of elementary and
12 secondary education area career centers that deliver career and technical education
13 programs have the means and capability for students at such schools to complete an
14 application for aid through the Employment and Training Administration of the United
15 States Department of Labor under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
16 Act:

- 17 (1) For the 2022-23 school year, fifty percent;
18 (2) For the 2023-24 school year, seventy percent;
19 (3) For the 2024-25 school year, ninety percent; and
20 (4) For the 2025-26 school year and every school year thereafter, one hundred
21 percent.

167.911. 1. Before January 1, 2023, the state board of education shall convene a
2 work group regarding the eighth grade course described in this section. The work
3 group shall operate in the same manner as the work groups described under section
4 160.514. The work group shall develop a written curriculum framework based on the
5 findings and recommendations of the career readiness course task force that may be
6 used by the board of education of each school district and by charter schools in adopting
7 or developing a written curriculum designed to ensure that students attain the
8 knowledge, skills, and competencies established in this section.

9 2. The course shall give students an opportunity to explore various career and
10 educational opportunities by:

- 11 (1) Administering career surveys to students and helping students use Missouri
12 Connections to determine career interests and develop plans to meet career goals;

- 13 **(2) Explaining the differences between types of colleges including, but not**
14 **limited to, two-year and four-year colleges and noting the availability of registered**
15 **apprenticeship programs as alternatives to college for students;**
- 16 **(3) Describing technical degrees offered by colleges;**
- 17 **(4) Explaining the courses and educational experiences offered at community**
18 **colleges;**
- 19 **(5) Describing the various certificates and credentials available to earn at the**
20 **school or other schools including, but not limited to, career and technical education**
21 **certificates described under section 170.029 and industry-recognized certificates and**
22 **credentials;**
- 23 **(6) Advising students of any advanced placement courses that they may take at**
24 **the school;**
- 25 **(7) Describing any opportunities at the school for dual enrollment;**
- 26 **(8) Advising students of any additional programs and opportunities for**
27 **advancement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics offered at the school,**
28 **such as Project Lead the Way and similar programs, that help students learn valuable**
29 **skills;**
- 30 **(9) Advising students of any nonprofit organizations, clubs, or groups that are**
31 **offered at the school to help students learn valuable skills and reach economic and**
32 **academic success, such as the Jobs for America's Graduates and similar programs;**
- 33 **(10) Informing students of the availability of funding for postsecondary**
34 **education;**
- 35 **(11) Describing the availability of virtual courses;**
- 36 **(12) Describing the types of skills and occupations most in demand in the current**
37 **job market and those skills and occupations likely to be in high demand in future years;**
- 38 **(13) Describing the typical salaries for occupations, salary trends, and**
39 **opportunities for advancement in various occupations;**
- 40 **(14) Emphasizing the opportunities available in careers involving science,**
41 **technology, engineering, and math;**
- 42 **(15) Advising students of the resources offered by workforce or job centers;**
- 43 **(16) Preparing students for the ACT assessment or the ACT WorkKeys**
44 **assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate;**
- 45 **(17) Administering a practice ACT assessment or practice ACT WorkKeys**
46 **assessments required for the National Career Readiness Certificate to students;**
- 47 **(18) Advising students of opportunities to take the SAT or the Armed Services**
48 **Vocational Aptitude Battery;**

49 **(19) Administering a basic math test so that each student can assess the student's**
 50 **math skills;**

51 **(20) Administering a basic literacy test so that each student can assess the**
 52 **student's reading and writing skills;**

53 **(21) Helping each student prepare an individual career and academic plan in**
 54 **cooperation with the student's parent or guardian and the school's guidance counselors**
 55 **that outlines a sequence of courses and experiences that conclude with the student**
 56 **reaching the student's postsecondary goals as such plan is described in section 167.903;**
 57 **and**

58 **(22) Explaining how to complete college applications and the Free Application**
 59 **for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

60 **3. The course shall focus on career readiness and emphasize the importance of**
 61 **work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.**

62 **4. The course shall demonstrate that graduation from a four-year college is not**
 63 **the only pathway to success. The course shall describe at least sixteen pathways to**
 64 **success in detail and include guest visitors who represent each pathway described. In**
 65 **covering these pathways, instructors for the course may rely on assistance from the**
 66 **state's Pathways to Prosperity Network within the department of elementary and**
 67 **secondary education.**

68 **5. The course shall provide student loan counseling.**

69 **6. The course may include parent-student meetings.**

70 **7. The course shall meet for three thousand nine hundred fifteen minutes.**

71 **8. In school year 2025-26 and subsequent school years, every school or charter**
 72 **school giving instruction in the eighth grade shall offer a one-half-unit credit course on**
 73 **the topics described in this section and require each eighth grade student to complete**
 74 **the course.**

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 5 ~~ninth grade. Task force members shall be chosen to represent the geographic~~
 6 ~~diversity of the state. All task force members shall be appointed before~~
 7 ~~October 31, 2018. The task force members shall be appointed as follows:~~

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 9 ~~the joint committee on education;~~

10 ~~(2) A parent of a student attending a grade not lower than the sixth nor~~
 11 ~~higher than the eighth grade, appointed by the joint committee on education;~~

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43 ~~(15) A secondary school career and college counselor, appointed by a~~
44 ~~statewide association of school counselors;~~

45 ~~(16) An apprenticeship professional, appointed by the division of~~
46 ~~workforce development of economic development;~~

47 ~~(17) A representative of Missouri Project Lead the Way, appointed by~~
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58 ~~described in subsection 5 of this section and provide its findings and~~
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